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WIB Meeting Minutes ♦ October 10, 2013

WIB Attendance: Dr. Kimberly Schneider (MCTS), Mary E. Burks (Trenton Public Schools), Bonny Ross (St. Francis Medical Center), Alan Edenzon (retired), Beverly Mills (WIB Director), James Purcell [**Chair**], Mary Gay Abbott-Young (Rescue Mission of Trenton), Nicol Nicola (for Liz Tindall Mid-Jersey Chamber of Commerce), Elizabeth Muoio (Office of Economic Development and Sustainability), Scott Clemmensen (Capital Health), Averom “Chip” Black (Prologistix), Connie Mercer (Home Front), Frank Cirillo (McBoss), Melvin Crawford (DVRs), Dennis Micai (TASK), Virgen Velez (One Stop), Joyce Yon (LWD), Bruce Colligan (Robert Wood Johnson), Edward Houlihan (Shiseido), Sharon Nemeth (MCTS)

Guests: Tom Shaw (Mercer County Human Services), Scott Elliott (Progressive Center for Independent Living), Dave Nash (MCTS), Alice Curry-Sheret (MCTS), Amy Schuler (TCNJ), Helen Liu (DVRs), Phyllis Minelli (Kooltronic, Inc.), Mary Kelley-Taylor (Kooltronic), Charles Coward & Michael Rothwell (Pennington Quality Market), Donald Jensen (Pennington Stop & Shop), Carol Engenbrand (Pennington Stop & Shop), Bill Cook & Ryan Crammer (Trenton Thunder), Frank Demilt (Jake’s Wayback Burgers), Diana Szoldrowska (GSETA awardee), Kendall Ademu-John (PSE&G), Elizabeth Flynn, Carol Luck

Dr. Kimberly Schneider, Chair of the Disabilities Issues Committee, opened with Employer/Business Partner of the Year Awards

- Virgen Velez introduced Diana Szoldrowska, recipient of the 2013 GSETA STAR award. County Executive Brian M. Hughes presented her with the plaque and a check on behalf of GSETA
- County Executive Brian M. Hughes presented Mercer County Employer/Business Partner of the Year Awards to five companies for their dedication and commitment for serving the disabled population. Honorees from nominations made to the Disabilities Issues Committee included:
 - Pennington Quality Market
 - Pennington Stop & Shop
 - Jake’s Wayside Burgers
 - Trenton Thunder
 - Kooltronic, Inc.

The WIB meeting was opened after the ceremony by James Purcell, Chair

Meeting was opened with an introduction of Joyce Yon, Employment Services Manager, LWD One Stop. Ms. Yon presented the WIB with a copy of a letter she received from the American Legion informing her office the One Stop was selected to receive an Employment Service Local Office award. This award was presented in

honor of the One Stop's outstanding work with veterans and was presented at the 95th Annual State Convention in Wildwood, NJ. The Board thanked Ms. Yon and acknowledged receipt of the letter.

Review of July 23, 2013 Minutes

Scott Clemmensen stated the minutes should reflect he seconded the motion (after Al Edenzon) to approve the One Stop PY 13 Budget and not Patricia Donohue. Jim added on the first page Youth Investment Committee should be changed to Youth Investment Council. Jim asked for a motion to accept the July 23, 2013 minutes with these corrections.

- 1st motion: Mary E. Burks
- 2nd motion: Chip Black
- Motion carried (no abstentions)

Committee Updates/Highlights (Individual minutes and handouts provided in packet)

In light of the unprecedented Youth Symposium hosted by the YIC two days prior, a request was made for a verbal report from a committee member.

- Mary E. Burks gave an overview of Youth Symposium held on 10/8/2013
 - Symposium exposed high school attendees to the NJ Talent Networks
 - Over 150 students from 11 high schools were in attendance
 - Keynote speaker Maurice Coleman was very motivational and received much positive feedback from youth in attendance
 - Counselors were provided with a presentation on the NJ CAN

To be in compliance with the State Employment Training Commission and WIB Recertification, the following documents and/or new policy was presented for Board approval and vote

Youth 6th Barrier:

Virgen Velez discussed YIC meeting held to determine the youth 6th barriers to be used by the One Stop to establish certification eligibility for services. After review and discussion of each barrier, Jim asked for Board approval. 1st motion: Connie Mercer; 2nd motion: Dennis Micai. Motion carried (no abstentions)

Approval of WIB Annual Report:

1st motion: Kimberly Schneider; 2nd motion: Scott Clemmensen. Motion carried (no abstentions)

Approval of Amended WIB By-Laws:

1st motion: Bonnie Ross; 2nd motion: Kimberly Schneider. Motion carried (no abstentions)

One-Stop Services Report (Report in packet:)

Virgen discussed the potential fallout from the Government Shutdown; if the shutdown continues until the end of the month the Adult and Dislocated Worker funds would be in jeopardy. If that should happen, the One Stop will have to make difficult decisions. Highlights included:

- One Stop passed or exceeded all Youth Common Performance Measures
- One Stop is serving as an information center only for the Affordable Healthcare Act (no recommendations)
- Staff from the County Energy Assistance Program will be onsite at the One Stop once a week
- A Youth Holiday Connection Fair will be held to assist youth in obtaining seasonal employment
- Success stories are included in the packet

Meeting Adjourned at 1:44 PM

NEXT MEETING: January 28, 2014